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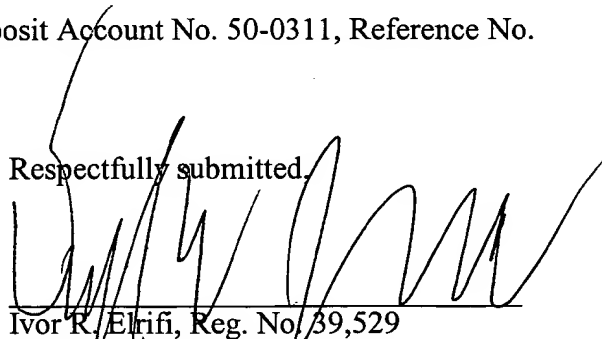
APPLICANT: Dapprich *et al.*  
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/735,099 EXAMINER: Not Yet Assigned  
FILING DATE: December 11, 2000 ART UNIT: 1634  
FOR: METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ISOLATING A NUCLEIC ACID

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the April 19, 2004 Office action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before August 19, 2004. Enclosed is Check # in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the Petition Fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 22650-001CIP.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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